

February 16, 1978

LB 396
LR 165

SENATOR MARVEL: It's laid over one day. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body, this bill is no longer needed. I would respectfully ask for it to be withdrawn.

SENATOR MARVEL: The motion is to authorize Senator Rasmussen ...to approve the motion to withdraw 896. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR MARVEL: Carried. The bill is withdrawn. That concludes the motions. We move now to resolutions. Chair recognizes Senator Venditte. Excuse me. Go ahead and read the resolution first, then I'll recognize Senator Venditte.

CLERK: Read LR 165. The resolution, Mr. President, can be found on page 719 of the Journal.

SENATOR MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Venditte on LR 165.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the primary purpose of LR 165 was to take a moment this morning to tip the legislative hat in recognition of the accomplishments of the University of Nebraska at Omaha program. I think UNO's goal is clearly one which offers a great education and excellent athletic competition for those good athletes who don't qualify for the Big 8. The UNO staff geared their efforts this year in recruiting throughout the entire State of Nebraska. As a matter of fact 100 percent of their signees came from our great state. Athletes have been successfully recruited in the following cities throughout Nebraska, and I am sure that these names will touch home base for many of us: Kimball, Hastings, Lincoln, Sioux City, Nebraska, Columbus, Dodge, Fairbury, Bertrand, Norris, Utica, St. Edwards, Alliance, Nebraska City, Alma, of course Omaha and the metropolitan area of Ralston, Millard and Papillion. This resolution, in my opinion I think, will serve to boost the morale and efforts of the University of Nebraska at Omaha family. In attending UNO football games this Fall I was pleased to see a number of games that were sell-out crowds. I hope that this body will see fit to pass LR 165.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Rumery, you wish to be recognized on the resolution?

SENATOR RUMERY: Yes. Mr. President, and member of the Legislature, I just want to remind Senator Venditte and others who have signed this that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents took this Legislature to court last year. The court decision in effect said that we cannot do anything to administer the affairs of the University of Nebraska, that we have the responsibility of appropriating the money and demanding an accounting of it, I am almost sure that is about as far as we can go. I think we ought to give serious consideration before we get into this. I don't think it's a bit of our business.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator DeCamp then Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Of course, this has no legally binding effect. All it is is an expression by some individual members of the Legislature, whoever wants to support it, the same as if they'd